

**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, AND WATER**

**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1173**

  X   **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

**I.** Name of Mineral Order: Granite Mountain Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 231543

**II.** Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding, applicable statutes*, and the written justification contained in the following:

Kuskokwim Area Plan Area Plan, adopted (1988)  
Preliminary Decision, Granite Mountain Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 231543,  
February 22, 2017 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same  
Land Sale pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e)

**III.** Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

**IV.** Location and Legal Description: Located within DNR's Southcentral Region along the Kuskokwim River approximately 50 air miles southwest of McGrath and 38 air miles northeast of Stony River, the project area is within:

- Township 25 North, Range 37 West, Seward Meridian
  - Section 6 west of the Kuskokwim River and excluding USS 8024 (if any);
- Township 25 North, Range 38 West, Seward Meridian
  - Section 1 excluding USS 8024 (if any); and
  - Sections 2-3 all;
- Township 26 North, Range 37 West, Seward Meridian
  - Section 10 N½;
  - Section 11 excluding the E½E½NE¼ and E½NE¼SE¼;
  - Section 12 excluding that portion of the W½ north of the unnamed creek;
  - Section 15 excluding the SE¼ and E½E½SW¼;
  - Section 16 excluding SW¼NW¼ and NW¼SW¼;
  - Section 17 excluding SE¼NE¼ and NE¼SE¼;
  - Section 20 excluding NE¼ west of the Kuskokwim River;
  - Section 31 excluding USS 8024; and
  - Sections 1-3, 7-9, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21-24, 27-30, and 32-34 all.
- Township 26 North, Range 38 West, Seward Meridian
  - Section 36 excluding USS 8024; and
  - Sections 25-28 and 33-35 all.
- Township 27 North, Range 37 West, Seward Meridian
  - Section 27 east of the Kuskokwim river excluding USS 8054 if any;
  - Section 34 east of the Kuskokwim river excluding USS 8054 if any;
  - Section 35 east of the Kuskokwim river excluding USS 8054 if any; and
  - Sections 25, 26 and 36 all;

Excluding the Kuskokwim River and its islands; all within the Kuskokwim Recording District, Fourth Judicial District, Alaska

**V. Mineral Order:** This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:

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Brent Goodrum, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date